

Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program - National Competitive Outreach Program (NCOP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Round 2 Fact Sheet

OVERVIEW

The ACP Outreach Grant Program is one tool among a comprehensive set of measures authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (Infrastructure Act) and implemented by the FCC to help bridge the digital divide. The ACP Outreach Grant Program will help increase awareness of and participation in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) among eligible households. The ACP Outreach Grant Program provides federal funding for the FCC to grant eligible governmental and non-governmental entities with the funding and resources needed to increase awareness of and participation in the ACP among those households most in need of affordable connectivity.

The ACP Outreach Grant Program includes the following sub-grant programs:

- National Competitive Outreach Program (NCOP)
- Tribal Competitive Outreach Program (TCOP)

NCOP provides funding for outreach activities to increase awareness of and encourage participation in the ACP for eligible low-income households.

The FCC issues two Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) to describe the requirements under each sub-grant program. This Fact Sheet is specific to the NCOP NOFO – Round 2. A separate Fact Sheet for TCOP NOFO – Round 2 will be issued.

TARGET FUNDING

The FCC will target \$5 million in funding for NCOP.

NCOP ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE ENTITIES

Only eligible governmental and non-governmental entities in the following States and Territories are eligible to apply for NCOP – Round 2 funding: **American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Delaware, Guam, Idaho, Iowa, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wyoming.** Within these States and Territories, the following governmental and non-governmental entities may apply for NCOP funding:

- State or territory governments and subdivisions thereof;
- Local governments and subdivisions thereof;
- Public housing agencies;
- Social service providers;
- Education organizations;
- Workforce development training organizations;
- Non-profit organizations (501(c)(3) status is not required);
- Community-based organizations;
- Community-anchor institutions;
- Public service organizations; and
- A consortia of the entities listed above.

Other Eligible NCOP Entities: Nationally-based nonprofit organizations (i.e., those that have a national presence and are not registered [based on SAM registration status] and operating in the above listed States or Territories) may be deemed eligible to apply for NCOP funding **if they meet one of the following conditions:**

1. **Condition 1:** Named sub-recipients that are located in and will be conducting ACP outreach and/or enrollment activities in at least **three (3) or more** of the following States/Territories: American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Delaware, Guam, Idaho, Iowa, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wyoming; **or**
2. **Condition 2:** Demonstrate a meaningful multi-state, multi-faceted ACP outreach and enrollment grant strategy that covers **seven (7) or more States, to include at least four (4) from the above States or Territories** in an proportional manner.

There are no exceptions to the above-listed NCOP eligibility requirements, and submitted applications will only be reviewed if they meet the above eligibility requirements.

Ineligible Entities:

Grant recipients and sub-recipients that received funding under the initial ACP Outreach Grant Program funding opportunities (NCOP, TCOP, Your Home, Your Internet Outreach Grants, and ACP Navigator Pilot Program Outreach Grants) are ineligible to apply for and be considered for funding under the ACP Outreach Grant Program – NCOP Round 2.

In addition to any restrictions in 2 CFR Part 200, as implemented by 2 CFR 6000.1, broadband providers and their subsidiaries, affiliates, representatives, contractors, and agents are not eligible to participate in the ACP Outreach Grant Program – NCOP Round 2 or receive grant awards, either as grantees, pass-through entities, or subrecipients.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligible applicants must submit a complete application to Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) for funding consideration before the application submission deadline which consists of standard forms and program-specific forms:

- Standard Forms and Information:
 - Form SF-424 – Application for Federal Assistance
 - Form SF-424A – Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs
 - Standard Form LLL – Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable)
 - Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
- Program-Specific Form:
 - NCOP Application Template (Microsoft Excel-based)

To access application forms and instructions, go to <https://www.grants.gov> under Assistance Listing (CFDA) Number: 32.011 - Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program. By submitting an application, organizations agree to comply with the requirements of the ACP Outreach Grant Program NCOP NOFO – Round 2. Complete applications must be received through Grants.gov **no later than 6:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on June 30, 2023**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applicants who reside in States or Territories where there is an active Federal emergency declaration that may hinder their ability to submit a grant application must notify the FCC of their intent to apply prior to the application submission deadline. The FCC will work with such applicants on a case-by-case basis in a reasonable manner.

KEY DATES

- **Application start date:** May 25, 2023
- **Application Due Date:** June 30, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)
- **Anticipated Funding Selection Date:** Mid-September 2023
- **Anticipated Award Date:** November 2023
- **Period of Performance:** 12 months (one year)

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information, visit www.fcc.gov/acp-grants. Please direct programmatic inquiries to ACPGrants@fcc.gov.

For assistance using <https://www.grants.gov>, contact the Help Desk at (800) 518-4726 or email at support@grants.gov.

For Section 504 Compliance support, please contact the FCC Section 504 Compliance Officer at FCC504@fcc.gov.